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DEAN BROWN TALKS ABOUT "SPASMS" OF EVANGELISTIC WORK

Retiring Congregationalist Moderator Flays "William of Potsdam" and Discusses Revivals.

COUNCIL MEETS AT NEW HAVEN

Speaker Takes Up "Language of Gutter and Antics of Circus" in Pulpit.

WHAT CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 20.—The national council of Congregational churches began its forty-first biennial session in historic Center church this afternoon, devoting its first sitting to election of officers, reception of reports and preparation for consideration of denominational matters.

Henry M. Beardley of Kansas City, Mo., was chosen moderator in succession to Dean Charles R. Brown of the Yale school of religion. Rev. Dr. William Horace Day of Los Angeles was chosen first assistant moderator and Rev. Dr. Alfred Lawless, jr., of New Orleans second assistant moderator. The council received an invitation from the Congregational churches of Los Angeles to come to that city for the meeting in 1917.

The delegate body was probably the largest in the history of the council when Dean Brown called the gathering to order.

Refers to War.

Dean Brown, the retiring moderator, referred to the "direful fact that the world is at war" in his address. "We are met at a great crisis in the moral history of the race," said Mr. Brown. "The spiritual force of that European civilization to which we owe so much seems for the hour to have broken down."

"In the face of this disaster it is for churches to mobilize their spiritual forces anew and to bear themselves toward the warring nations, toward China and Japan in such a way that this land will be a Mezzogiorno nation."

Dean Brown said that work of evangelism at home is urgent. "We have seen spasms of evangelistic efforts in certain cities," he said. "The introduction of the language of the gutter and the antics of the circus in the pulpit may be overlooked for the sake of the greater good."

Opportunities Great. "The present opportunity of the ministry never was so great. War with all its burdens should bring a new and more effective lineup of Christian forces. The march of progress was too much for Napoleon, and it will be too much for William II. of Potsdam."

President W. L. Burton of Smith college presided at the meeting. Mr. Beardley for moderator; Rev. P. G. Smith of Kansas City and Rev. Dr. J. E. Kirby of Des Moines seconding it.

Business Committee Chosen. Rev. D. R. F. Bradley of Cleveland nominated Dr. Day of Los Angeles. Dr. Day himself rose, however, to say that as the overwhelming sentiment was for a layman, he withdrew his name. The choice of Mr. Beardley was then made.

Nominating and seconding speeches for the assistant moderators were made by T. C. MacMillan, La Grange, Ill.; Rev. Dr. Proctor of Alabama, Dr. W. E. Barton of Chicago, Rev. A. C. Garner of Washington and Rev. Mr. Dunn of New Orleans, and in each instance election was by unanimous vote.

The business committee chosen included the Rev. Dr. Patton, Columbia, O.; Prof. E. C. Norton, California; Rev. Al Phillips, New Haven; Rev. H. E. Brown, Seattle, Wash.; W. Van Patton, Burlington, Vt.; Rev. C. H. Myers, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Rev. C. H. Thayer, Duluth; Marquis Eaton, Chicago, and H. T. Richardson, Boston.

Assistant secretaries chosen were: Rev. C. N. Hand, California; Rev. C. R. Harrison, Ohio, and Rev. F. D. Thayer, Massachusetts. Rev. Joel S. Ives of Meriden, Conn., treasurer of the council, reported that the receipts for two years had been \$4,750, and the balance was \$5,577.

The delegates assembled in Woolsey hall at Yale tonight, where they were welcomed by Mayor J. Rice, president Arthur T. Hadley of Yale and the Rev. Dr. Oscar E. Maurer, pastor of the Entertaining church.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair and warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hours	Temp.
5 a. m.	45
6 a. m.	45
7 a. m.	45
8 a. m.	45
9 a. m.	45
10 a. m.	45
11 a. m.	45
12 m.	45
1 p. m.	45
2 p. m.	45
3 p. m.	45
4 p. m.	45
5 p. m.	45
6 p. m.	45
7 p. m.	45
8 p. m.	45

Comparative Local Record.	1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.
Highest yesterday	51	52	55	57
Lowest yesterday	31	32	35	37
Excess for the day	20	20	20	20
Mean temperature	41	42	45	47
Precipitation for day	.00	.00	.00	.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:				
Normal temperature	45	45	45	45
Excess for the day	6	7	10	12
Total deficiency since March 1	47	47	47	47
Normal precipitation	47	47	47	47
Deficiency for day	47	47	47	47
Total rainfall since March 1	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.13
Deficiency March 1	2.13	2.13	2.13	2.13
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913, 6.29 inches				

"BILLY'S" FINAL WEEK SMILE—And he has more of a smile coming to him if the signs visible to the observer are not deceptive.



ODD FELLOWS GO TO HEAR SUNDAY

Rebekahs, Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge All Adjourn to Go to Afternoon Meeting.

DEGREES ARE NOW CONFERRED

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs decided they wanted to hear "Billy" Sunday.

The Rebekahs, the Grand Encampment and the Grand Lodge all adjourned yesterday afternoon and went in a body to the tabernacle, where they heard the great evangelist.

When the matter was mentioned of adjourning in the evening to hear the evangelist, it was frowned upon and changed to the afternoon. It was not that they did not approve of "Billy" Sunday. That was not it at all. They simply did not want to break up their set program in that way, for there was a lot of degree work ahead, and many did not think it right to abandon this or put it off when the convention was called and the hundreds of delegates from all over the state were on the ground.

In the afternoon, however, the program was not quite so pressing, and an agreement was reached to adjourn for the tabernacle meeting.

Report on York Home. Tuesday night 26 Rebekahs took degrees in the work at Hotel Fontenelle. This morning committees were appointed in the Rebekah assembly, and various reports were made. Mrs. Mable E. Wilson, matron of the Odd Fellows' Home at York, made a report of conditions at the home. She stated that there are sixty-three children in the home now and that in a few days the home is to receive a baby six weeks old, which will be the youngest child in the institution.

The Rebekahs held their memorial services after the Sunday meeting, and the election of officers for this auxiliary is to be held Thursday. The place for holding the next meeting is to be selected Thursday afternoon. Omaha is in the field for the convention again, and the delegates are expressing themselves as well pleased with the treatment they have received in Omaha. It is the consensus of opinion that Omaha will again be chosen as the place for the next year's meeting.

Confers Degrees Tonight.

Various degrees were conferred upon the delegates last evening at the Douglas auditorium and at the Fontenelle hotel. Rebekah degrees were conferred at a special session in the evening at Hotel Fontenelle. When the "Billy" Sunday matter came up in the grand lodge yesterday a resolution was adopted stating that the newspaper report to the effect that the lodge would not adjourn for the "Billy" (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

CHRIST'S DIVINITY SUNDAY'S THEME

Says Hearers of Great Teacher Needed No Dictionary to Learn What He Meant.

INTELLECTUAL MUTTS IN OMAHA

Trail	Attend.	Collec.
Previous days	5,549	\$30,400.98
Tuesday	4,500	\$132.50
Wednesday	323	\$24.25
Totals	5,872	\$30,778.71

Collected for benefit of the International Evangelistic association.

BOY AND GIRL TRAIL KITTERS

Previous days	Attend.	Collec.
Tuesday	144	\$218
Wednesday	144	\$344

MEETINGS TODAY.

8:30 a. m.—Central high school girls' prayer meeting, First Methodist church.
11 a. m. to 2 p. m.—Business women's luncheon, 1809 Farnam street, Miss Miller.
12:15 p. m.—Sunday at the Brandeis theater, Men only.
2 p. m.—Sunday at the tabernacle.
3 p. m.—Tabernacle Bible class.
4:30 p. m.—Boys' and girls' meeting, Danish Lutheran church, Miss Gamlin.
7:30 p. m.—Sunday at the tabernacle.
8 p. m.—Meeting for teachers, First Baptist church, Council Bluffs, Miss Gamlin.
8 p. m.—Bible class, Olivet Baptist church, Miss Saxe.

Two thousand delegates to the Odd Fellows' convention which is meeting here were at the tabernacle yesterday afternoon. C. A. Baumgardner, on behalf of the Odd Fellows, brought two big bouquets up on the platform and presented them to "Billy" and "Ma."

"Billy's" theme was the wonderful things about Christ, which, he said, were in themselves proof of His divinity.

There wasn't much slang, but "Billy" gave the audience a thrill or two as, for instance, when he suddenly exclaimed:

"You've got a few intellectual mutts in Omaha that are shocked at my preaching. Go to the devil if I lived here I'd keep my hen roost locked."

Speaking of Christ's preaching for the common people, he said: "They didn't need to lug around a dictionary to find out what He meant. He put the 'jam' and cookies on the lower shelf where everybody could get them."

Eight Trail Hitters. The audience was large, nearly all seats being taken. Eight persons hit the trail.

Though repeated announcements have been made that collections are to be taken for "Billy" Sunday only at the services on the last Sunday of the campaign, a collection was taken for that purpose yesterday afternoon. Envelopes were distributed through the audience and the people were invited to place in them cash, checks or pledges. They were then collected.

It is explained, however, that the sums collected through this week will all be counted in the collection of next Sunday and that this procedure is taken because many will attend the weekly meetings who will be unable to be here or to obtain entrance to the tabernacle next Sunday.

TWO DIE IN BED BY SUFFOCATION

George Shirley and Wife Perish When Gas Water Heater Exhausts Oxygen in House.

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED A YEAR

E. George Shirley, aged 27 years, and his young wife, Edith, aged 24 years, were found dead in bed, as the result of suffocation, Wednesday afternoon in their home, 3558 Dodge street.

Robert Shirley, a brother, receiving no response at the door, peered open a window in their bedroom and discovered the lifeless bodies. Since Monday evening relatives and friends had repeatedly called the house by phone but to no avail. Yesterday afternoon officers of the Omaha Crockery company, where Shirley was employed, notified relatives of Shirley's absence.

According to Coroner Crosby, the gas-burner under the water tank in the basement was left burning, and all of the oxygen in the house was burned up. Suffocation was the result. Death, which was apparently accidental, evidently occurred some time between Monday night and Wednesday noon. According to police officers the house was so filled with fumes that it was with difficulty they managed to throw open the windows and doors to air the place. Shirley was last seen Monday night, when he rode home with H. C. Forester, treasurer of the Omaha Crockery company.

Fumes Filled Closed House.

The gas burner was not connected to a chimney, and the fumes quickly filled the closed house, is the belief of the coroner.

The Shirleys were married a year ago last June, and formerly lived at the Stratford Terrace apartments, moving to the Dodge street residence about a month ago.

Michael Shirley, father of the dead man, of the firm of Shirley & Phelps, railroad contractors, lives at 391 Burt street. Mrs. George Shirley was formerly Miss Edith Collins. Her mother, who lives in Sacramento, Cal., has been notified. The dead man has a brother, Phelan Shirley, who lives at Albion. Coroner Crosby will hold an inquest.

Two years ago a similar happening occurred at the home of Harry R. Bowen, manager of the Central Furniture company, but fortunately for Mr. Bowen and his wife and child, several windows in the house were open, as it was a warm fall evening, and the family was awakened and saved.

UNCLE SAM TO KEEP HANDS OFF SERBIA AND BULGARIA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—President Wilson today signed a proclamation giving notice of the neutrality of the United States in the war between Serbia and Bulgaria. The proclamation was along the same general lines as those issued, covering the wars between other nations.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT DO MORE FOR HILLSTROM

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—President Wilson today advised W. A. F. Ekenstrom, Swedish minister here, that he could do nothing further for Joseph Hillstrom, a Swedish citizen under sentence of death in Utah for murder.

MELLEN TESTIFIES FOR GOVERNMENT IN NEW HAVEN CASE

Former President of Road Cordially Greeted by Men Against Whom He Appears as a Witness.

THERE IS MUCH HANDSHAKING

Gives His Occupation as a "Farmer" and Tells of Railroad Experience.

GOES FULLY INTO DETAILS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—Charles S. Mellen, one-time president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, testified as a government witness today against the eleven men with whom he was formerly associated on the road's board of directors, whose trial on the charge of violating the Sherman anti-trust law began one week ago.

Standing before a government map of the New England railroad system with a long pointer in his hand, Mr. Mellen spent two hours explaining the nature of the competitive railroad conditions twenty-five years ago, when the New Haven's alleged conspiracy to control the entire transportation traffic of the six states began.

Cordially Greeted. The former New Haven president was greeted with every evidence of cordiality by the defendants and there were numerous handshakings. William Rockefeller was among several of the defendants who stepped forward to converse with him.

Mr. Mellen gave his occupation as "a farmer—an agriculturist." He told of his railroad experience, which dated back to 1860, when he was a clerk in the cashier's office of the Northern Railroad of New Hampshire. Then he traced on the map the routes of the dozen New England railroads which in 1880 had an independent existence.

He described their steamboat line connections with New York and other points and their rail connections with other roads outside of New England. The New Haven at that time was not much of a freight line. The Old Colony, with its steamboat lines from Fall River and New Bedford to New York, was getting the major share of the traffic. The New Haven's chief strategic advantage at the time, the witness indicated, was in passenger traffic, as none of the other roads could maintain through passenger service to New York except over the New Haven tracks.

In Lively Competition.

All these roads maintained their freight connections to points outside of New England through traffic arrangements with outside lines, Mr. Mellen explained, and contributed pro rata to the expenses of about a score of freight collecting organizations which routed through traffic over the various connecting lines. These various through routes were in lively competition, Mr. Mellen said.

The witness was still in the midst of his testimony when adjournment was taken until tomorrow. When completed the government expects to use it as a basis upon which to build up the story of the gradual acquisition of the lines by the New Haven, with which Mr. Mellen became connected as vice president in 1892.

Pawnbroker Dies By Taking Poison; Tells Wife of Act

Boi E. Brodkey, a pawnbroker at Fourteenth and Douglas streets, took his own life at his home, 348 Chicago street, shortly after noon by drinking an ounce of carbolic acid.

The witness went home at noon, walked upstairs, drank the poison and returned downstairs to tell his wife what he had done. Hearing the cries of the children, Tom McGovern, former city commissioner, who was passing the house, called the police.

Mr. Brodkey was attended by Drs. Phillip and Simon Levi, but their efforts were futile, as Mr. Brodkey passed away shortly after 3 o'clock.

Commercial troubles are said to have prompted him to take his life.

Gold for Wedding Ring for Mrs. Galt

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—President Wilson today received a delegation of women and girls from California who gave him a piece of gold from a California mine and also a bar of gold to make a wedding ring for Mrs. Norman Galt, his fiancée.

Fine Big Action Photo of "Billy"

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The Bee Photo Department

Police Statistics

Figures Are from Field's Book on Police Administration as of Year 1909.

City.	Strength of Force.	Per Cent of Patrolmen.
Albany	157	75
Columbus, O.	159	80
Dayton, O.	123	88
Denver	127	85
Indianapolis	168	75
Kansas City	244	90
Milwaukee	331	83
Minneapolis	199	66
St. Paul	166	..
Syracuse	121	99

GIRL TOILERS TELL PATHETIC STORIES

Garment Workers of Tenements Describe Struggle to Gain Precarious Livelihood.

NORMAL PAY IS FIVE A WEEK

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Pathetic stories of the lives of girls who dwell in tenements and gain a precarious livelihood in the garment trade were unfolded today before the aldermanic committee investigating the garment workers' strike and its causes. Manufacturers ignored invitations to be present.

The normal earnings of the girls, testimony showed, were \$5 a week, and only by supreme efforts, working from daylight to dark without lunch, would bring in \$8. Sidney Hillman, head of the garment workers' union, explained to the committee that in the better shops girls received \$12 a week for the work with which today's testimony was concerned. Today's witnesses came from the cheaper shops.

Use Same Towel.

Anna Binsky said that for three years she has worked from 6:30 a. m. to 7 p. m. without the usual noonday rest for lunch, and made \$8 a week. Pearl Krupnik said that in dull times she had earned as low as 75 cents a week. Fannie Berg testified that the girls have to buy their own needles. Three hundred girls she said had to use the same roller towel. Alderman Healey called the attention of the health department to this.

All of the witnesses complained in greater or less degree to harsh treatment from foremen, mostly in the way of abusive language.

Alderman Geiger of the committee was curious to learn how the girls managed to live on their incomes. Miss Berg explained: "I pay \$5 a month for my room and my sister charges me 25 cents a meal for what I eat. I am often hungry, but I can't afford to spend more."

Emily Javorovsky as a witness proved a surprise to the committee which was appointed originally to investigate charges of police brutality in dealing with strikers.

Beats Up Seabs. "What have you and the others been doing since you went on strike?" she was asked.

"Going around beating up seabs," calmly replied the witness.

"Did you ever beat up one yourself?" "Yes, I beat up one."

"Did anyone ever tell you to do that? Did you receive instructions from headquarters to do that?"

"No; no one ever told me. I knew enough to do that without being told."

Bessie Alt, who earns \$4 a week, recited that she keeps within her income by walking two miles to and from work and spending only 25 cents a day for food. Miss Alt, like the others, was asked if any foremen made improper advances to her.

"Some of the girls told me that the foreman had asked them to go out with him," answered the witness. "If they did they were better treated."

"Better paid?" asked Alderman Geiger. "I think so."

Talked About Him; He Shot Somebody

PETALUMA, Cal., Oct. 20.—Andrew McPhail, an expressman, was shot dead on the street here today. Hiram Tally, a civil war veteran, was arrested.

"Everybody was talking about me," he said to the police. "I decided to kill some one."

Tally was a member of Troop E, Third Pennsylvania cavalry.

The Day's War News

TURKISH FORCES are to co-operate energetically with the Bulgarians in opposing the allied operations in the Balkans, Athens advices state. Turkish troops, it is reported, are being concentrated near Dedegatch, Bulgaria, on the Aegean sea. The landing of an allied force at Enos, near Dedegatch, was reported recently. BULGARIAN TROOPS are being concentrated on the frontiers of both Roumania and Greece, according to a Saloniki dispatch to Paris. Three divisions are being gathered near the Greek border, it is stated. CUTTING THE NISH-SALONIKI railway line south of Nish by the Bulgarians has compelled the diplomatic corps at Nish to postpone its expected departure for Monastir in southern Serbia, an Athens dispatch states. REPORTS FROM GERMAN sources received in London indicate that a campaign against Montenegro by Austro-German forces is contemplated. Twenty thousand infantry men, together with an artillery force, have been sent from Galicia to Bosnia in preparation for an advance into Montenegro, it is asserted.

SERBIA OVERRUN BY THE ARMIES OF NEIGHBORS

Eight Bulgarian Forces Are Sweeping Across the Territory in a War that is Bringing Death and Destruction.

GERMANS SLOWLY ADVANCING

Movements of Anglo-French Army Remain Undisclosed, Wounded Are Arriving at Saloniki.

ACTIVITY ALONG EASTERN FRONT

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Latest reports from the near east indicate that Serbia is in deadly danger of being overwhelmed by the armies of its neighbors. No less than eight Bulgarian forces have crossed into Serbian territory.

The Austro-German forces are advancing slowly, but steadily, their latest claim being that a junction has been effected to the west of Semendria. The railroad between Nish and Saloniki has been cut by the Bulgarians, sweeping over the frontier in superior numbers. No news has been received of the movements of the Anglo-French army, although it is known to have been in action, as the arrival of French wounded at Saloniki has been reported.

Italy's declaration of war against Bulgaria increases the hopes of her allies that she will join in the Balkan campaign, but what form her assistance will take has not been indicated definitely. Russia, the first of the allied powers to present an ultimatum to Bulgaria, now finds herself alone in not having issued a formal declaration of war against her former protégé.

Along the eastern front activity is confined to the two lips of the long battle line. The Germans are pressing their offensive in the northern area near Riga, while General Hoffman claims several successes for his Russian army in Galicia.

Reports from the entente allies on the western front indicate that the Germans have been reinforced heavily and are showing a disposition to resume the offensive.

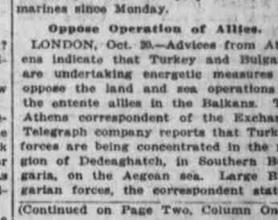
Field Marshal Frenches announces the complete repulse north of Loos of German units who made an attack after heavy artillery preparation. Paris reports that east of Rheims the Germans made a fierce attack on large scale occupying several French trenches.

The illness of Premier Aiguilh has brought a lull in political activity and the crisis which many persons expected would develop in the cabinet this week, is hardly likely to occur until the premier is able to appear in the House of Commons. At that time Mr. Edward Carson may give a public explanation of his resignation of the attorney generalship.

British submarines, now reported to have been reinforced by Russian craft, continue to inflict severe losses on German shipping in the Baltic sea. A Copenhagen newspaper asserts that eight steamships have been prey of the submarines since Monday.

Oppose Operation of Allies. LONDON, Oct. 20.—Advices from Athens indicate that Turkey and Bulgaria are undertaking energetic measures to oppose the land and sea operations of the entente allies in the Balkans. The Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company reports that Turkish forces are being concentrated in the region of Dedegatch, in Southern Bulgaria, on the Aegean sea. Large Bulgarian forces, the correspondent states, (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

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